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**To:** JudTestimony  
**Cc:** zRepresentative Christie Carpino  
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Dear Sen. Winfield, Rep. Stafstrom, Sen. Kissel, Rep. Fishbein & Judiciary Members,

I grew up in Waterbury Connecticut and I have been directly affected by gun violence. I lost one of my best friends in 2008. My friend was a victim of a botched robbery carried out by two individuals not legally allowed to possess firearms but despite that they forcefully entered a home and shot and killed my friend. The reason I share this story with you is simply because criminals don't follow laws. I have seen my 2nd amendment rights slowly stolen from me over the years as I've watched the city I grew up in spiral out of control and becoming more violent despite stricter gun laws. I ask you to stop taking away the rights of honest and productive members of our society. We need laws that will keep dangerous individuals off of our streets including juveniles that engage in violent crime.

Please **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

These so called 2022 "assault weapons" are in very common use. Even by citizens that are disabled and utilize stabilizing braces to overcome their life obstacles. Now, this committee will vote to expand the definition of so called 2022 "assault weapons".

Article First, Sec. 15: *Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.*  
I hope the voters of this state remember the actions of legislators in November.

In addition, please **OPPOSE** H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I also ask that you **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.  
**SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

**SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

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